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511 556 291 breasts by clasps of silver, bronze, or thorn. The men envelop themselves in a shorter piece of wool, unless they wear -- in our day this is the most frequent case -- a long shirt and breeches of cotton goods. A full black cloak, "akhnif," provided with a hood and decorated on the back with a curious red motif, completes the costume of the montagnard.

•32 184 The Haut-Atlas /High Atlas/ is almost entirely devoid of local industries; by contrast, in the Anti-Atlas and the Sirwa there are several centers of activity, whose origin and traditions are still little known and would doubtless merit being studied.

325 326 184 Artisans /48/ there know how to smelt the iron and copper ores that are found in metallic deposits of minor importance and whose presence has been enough to perpetuate the reputation of mineral wealth of the South. Master workmen, nearly all descendants of black slaves, manufacture guns and daggers inlaid with silver. Others, Jews or Mussulmans, preserve the tradition [306] of jewelry work of bronze, silver, and gold. There is not any [178] doubt, to be sure, that these small industrial centers have already been hit by decline.

439 197 For twenty years the development of commerce in the whole of the Empire and the influx of commodities and manufactured goods from the Occident have been making their effects felt as far as the depths of the high valleys. To buy these novelties, the [432] montagnard sells in the souks /sooks/ of the Dir his harvests of [464] walnuts and almonds and part of his flock, and he sends his sons to work in the towns of the Gharb /Rharb/, to Algeria, and to France.

556 184 511 In the plains the distance between rich and poor increases still more rapidly. The former own the gardens; the others cultivate them. Irrigated fields give cereals, vegetables, and fruits in abundance. Olive and argan oil constitute another kind of wealth, which is transported in goatskins as far as the towns of the North. The greater proximity of the markets facilitates the introduction of foreign products in such a way that the material existence of a notable of the Sous plain tends to become similar to that of the other provinces where the Makhzen /makhzan/ has